NORMAN ROCKWELL MOSAIC PRESENTED TO UNITED NATIONS BY NANCY REAGAN

A Norman Rockwell mosaic depicting people of different nationalities standing together with the words "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" inscribed on it, was presented by Nancy Reagan, wife of United States President Ronald Reagan, to the United Nations this afternoon at a ceremony attended by Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

The mosaic, entitled "The Golden Rule", seeks to depict "a vision of a united people", said Mrs. Reagan. It provided an example that "nations could take heart in and work for". The mosaic has been installed on the third floor of the Conference building.

Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar, in accepting the mosaic on behalf of the United Nations, said: "The painter's vision indeed recalls the Charter's inspiring precept for all 'to practise tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours'. The mosaic eloquently expresses our aspirations for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to sex, race, language or religion."

The Secretary-General added: "Norman Rockwell portrayed the essential qualities of integrity and compassion, of common decency and honesty. They are clearly reflected in the faces of this mosaic -- faces that include his own." (For text of the Secretary-General's statement, see Press Release SG/SM/3770-HQ/465.)

According to information provided by the United States Mission to the United Nations, the idea for the painting originated with an unfinished Rockwell drawing of the Security Council. "The painter spent five months transforming the earlier work into a painting which would illuminate the principle which he and the world hoped the United Nations would serve."

Mrs. Reagan said that the Thanks-Giving Square Foundation of Dallas, Texas, had arranged and financed the creation of the mosaic.

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